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[*Note*.—**An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.**]

II.—MESSAGE FROM THE ASSEMBLY.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages received from the Hon. the Speaker of the Madras Legislative Assembly transmitting copies of the following Bills as passed by the Assembly in accordance with rule 94 of the Madras Assembly Rules :—

(1) On 16th December 1949—

The Places of Public Resort (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 1949).

The Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Second Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 40 of 1949).

The Madras Prohibition (Second Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 41 of 1949).

The Madras Prohibition (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 42 of 1949).

The Madras Tuberculosis Sanatoria Regulation of Buildings (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 43 of 1949).

(2) On 17th December 1949.—The Madras Educational Institutions (Requisition of Property) Bill, 1948 (L.A. Bill No. 25 of 1948).

(3) On 19th December 1949—

The Madras City Police (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 45 of 1949).

The Madras Estates Land (Reduction of Rent) Amendment Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 46 of 1949).

The Motor Vehicles (Madras Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 47 of 1949).

The Madras Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 32 of 1949).

(4) On 21st December 1949.—The Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 44 of 1949).

and signed by him for the concurrence of the Council."

III.—MESSAGES FROM THE GOVERNOR.

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" I have to announce to the House the following messages received from His Excellency the Governor of Madras :—

(1) 'In pursuance of section 82, sub-section (3), of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Archibald Edward Nye, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Educational Institutions (Requisition of the Property) Bill, 1948.'

'In pursuance of section 299, sub-section (3), of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Archibald Edward Nye, Governor of Madras, hereby accord my previous sanction for the introduction of the Madras Educational Institutions (Requisition of Property) Bill, 1948, in the Madras Legislative Council.'

(2) 'In pursuance of section 299, sub-section (3), of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby accord my previous sanction for the introduction of the Madras Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1949, in the Madras Legislative Council.'

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'In pursuance of section 82, sub-section (3), of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Electricity Supply Undertakings (Acquisition) Bill, 1949.'

(3) 'In pursuance of section 82, sub-sections (1) and (3), of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby recommend to the Madras Legislative Council the consideration of the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill, 1949.'

'In pursuance of section 299, sub-section (3), of the Government of India Act, 1935, I, Krishna Kumarsinhji Bhavsinhji, Governor of Madras, hereby accord my previous sanction for the introduction of the Madras Merged States (Laws) Bill, 1949, in the Madras Legislative Council'."

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE PLACES OF PUBLIC RESORT (AMENDMENT) BILL, 1949 (L.A. BILL NO. 39 OF 1949).

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" Sir, I move—

'*that the Places of Public Resort (Amendment) Bill,* 1949 *(L.A. Bill No.* 39 *of* 1949*), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once.*'

It is not necessary to take a licence under the Places of Public Resort Act, 1888, in respect of an enclosed place or building used for public resort or entertainment if its area is less than five hundred square feet. We have received information from various districts that in some cases gambling takes place under the guise of games of skill and that in these cases the licensing provisions of the Places of Public Resort Act are evaded by reducing the area of the enclosed place or building to a little below five hundred square feet. By this amendment to that Act, we want in municipalities and major panchayats to insist on a licence in respect of an enclosed place or building, irrespective of its area, if it is used for any game or competition in which the public are allowed to take part."

THE DEPUTY PRESIDENT :—" The motion is—

'that the Places of Public Resort (Amendment) Bill, 1949 (L.A. Bill No. 39 of 1949), as passed by the Legislative Assembly, be taken into consideration at once'."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Mr. Deputy President, 11-45
Sir, I rise with a view to ask the Government why they did not p m.
consider it necessary to make sub-clause (*b*) applicable to all places. Its application is restricted to areas within the jurisdiction of a municipal council or of a panchayat classified by the Provincial Government as a major panchayat. The Government consider that gambling is undesirable and that it should be checked to the utmost extent possible. I would wish, Sir, that that clause had been made applicable to all areas by the insertion of the words, 'within the jurisdiction of a municipal council or a local body', instead of restricting it to a municipal council and a major panchayat alone. I mention this because it is easy to circumvent this provision by just going outside the limit of a major panchayat area or a municipal area and have the gambling there. Then this law would not be applicable in such cases.